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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary.
DCI Security Committee

FROM:
Staff, DCI Security Committee

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SUBJECT: Investigative Standards Working Group (1978)

1. The Investigative Standards Working Group (ISWG) was established in May 1976 and was Chaired by the State Department representative. Membership on the ISWG included representatives from all of the Intelligence Community members at that time. The initial tasking included a study of the scope and time span of U.S. government background investigations, since there was no minimum standard other than for DCID 1/14. In September 1976, the CIA representative was made Chairman of the ISWG and was tasked with making recommendations for minimum standards for investigative coverage for the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

2. During 1977, the ISWG undertook a survey of the effectiveness of background investigations and began the task of establishing adjudicative guidelines. The ISWG was again chaired by the State Department representative during 1977 and he continued through 1978 as Chairman. Membership expanded during this time to include representation from all current Intelligence Community Departments and Agencies.

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4. In April 1978, a sub-group of the ISWG was established to draft a paper on standard adjudication guidelines for IC member organizations as applied to DCID 1/14 cases. This draft took form over the year and by November, 1978 was presented to the SECOM. The SECOM approved the draft of the adjudication

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guidelines in substance and recommended editorial changes to delete the redundancies therein. The editorial changes were made and the draft was submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Intelligence Community for adoption in December 1978 as Annex A of DCID 1/14.

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